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SUBJ: TEXTILES: CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION OF COTTON- BACKED
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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO RIODEJANEIRO MARCH27,
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 1697

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SUBJ: TEXTILES: CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION OF COTTON- BACKED
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REFS: (A) STATE 54050; (B) BRASILIA 1595

1. FONOFF ADVISES THAT RAFFAELLI, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN
BRUSSELS FOR GOB TALKS WITH EC COMMISSION, WILL NOT RETURN
TO BRAZIL UNTIL SECOND WEEK IN APRIL. HE WILL BE GOING
TO GENEVA AT END OF THIS WEEK AND MOST LIKELY WILL ATTEND
APRIL 4 INFORMAL GATT MEETING ON TEXTILES MENTIONED
IN REF A. RAFFAELLI' S SUPERIOR, FONOFF ASST. SECRETARY
GENERAL COSTA, IS ALSO TRAVELING AND EMBASSY DOES NOT
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BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO APPROACH LOWER OFFICIALS TO EXPLORE WHETHER GOB IS WILLING TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE POSITION AT APRIL 4 MEETING IN RETURN FOR USG PROMISE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION ON CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION OF COTTON- BACKED PLASTIC SHIPMENTS. IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS AP8) 4 MEETING CRUCIAL, SUGGEST THAT MISSION GENEVA CONTACT RAFFAELLI UPON HIS ARRIVAL AND MAKE PRESENTATION CONTAINED PARA 3 REF A.

2. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO STRESS COMMENT MADE LAST PARA REF B THAT WE COULD NOT EVALUATE SERIOUSNESS OF RAFFAELLI' S STATEMENT TO EMBOFF THAT A FAVORABLE RESPONSE ON SHIPMENTS OF COTTON- BACKED MATERIAL WOULD " CONTRIBUTE TOWARD BRAZILIAN COOPERATION REGARDING CONCLUSION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT." THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT INITIAL APPROACH TO RAFFAELLI REFER TO HIS STATEMENT AND SEEK CLARIFICATION BEFORE PRESENTING QUID PRO QUO PROPOSAL CONTAINED EF A. ROUNTREE UNQUOTE ROGERS

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